

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin & Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam  
Music Director – Victoria Warwick



\*Please stand as you are able.

\*HYMN VU #164 The Day of Resurrection

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
CALL TO THE GATHERED

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: VU #187 vs 1

**The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!  
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!  
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.  
New light, new day, the spring has come,  
let all the church be part of it!**

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN MEDLEY

This is the Day MV #122

**This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad (2x)  
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!  
We will rejoice and be glad! (2x)**

Jesus Laughed MV #133 (1,4,5)

**Jesus laughed out loud to see the children play;  
his joyful presence drew a crowd we could not send away.**

**Jesus healed a child by asking her to rise,  
and doubtful people wept and smiled to see her open eyes.**

**Jesus called my name when he was passing by;  
my life will never be the same; this love will never die.**

My Love Colours Outside the lines MV #138

**My love colours outside the lines,  
exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines. (2x)**

THEME CONVERSATION:

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

SCRIPTURE: [1 John 3:1-7](#)

ANTHEM: Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir: Alleluia Fanfare

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir: All Things Bright and Beautiful

\*OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE

**All that we have, all that we are, we offer here today.  
To bring good news of hope & joy to cherish on the way.  
To feed the hungry, heal the sick, and set the captive free.  
To build a world where love is lived, proclaiming liberty.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN: VU #183 We Meet You, O Christ (tune #228)

\*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: VU #884

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,  
will clap their hands!  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy.**

POSTLUDE

**OUR CORE VALUES**

A loving and engaging community  
with diverse and open spirituality and with a respect for all creation

**OUR MISSION**

To be an open, Christian community  
seeking spirituality and loving relationships



## Announcements

Sunday, April 22, 2018

[www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org) Tel: 705 526 6077

**Welcome and thank you** to the Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir for their gift of music

### Volunteer Fair



Our **Volunteer Fair** is today following the service. This is your opportunity to learn more about our church committees and to help serve in the important work they do. Many hands make light work so please consider lending your talents to the work of St. Paul's. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Official Board meeting**, is this **Monday April 23, at 6:30 p.m.** At 7:00 p.m., the HUB committee will join the Official Board meeting, so they can be included in the discussion on recommendations for future technology.



**Auction of Talent and Beautiful Things** is on Saturday April 28 in the Great Hall. Viewing is at 9:30 a.m. followed by the auction at 10:00 a.m. A light lunch will be available for purchase. Your donated items can be dropped off at the church this week, between April 16 and April 20. **Please bring your items into the office as soon as possible. Receiving your slips is also very important,** to ensure your items get on the auction list.

**Unity United Church** invites all women to a Pot Luck Dinner and Fun Night on April 30 at 5:30 p.m. The theme for the event is "Royal Wedding". Guests are invited to dress up in costumes. RSVP by April 20 to Zena at 705-527-6789 if you plan to attend.



The next **Youth Group** gathering (for ages 13 – 17) will be on **SUNDAY, MAY 6**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Theme for this gathering is "**Serving Others**". Questions? E-mail [cgareau02@gmail.com](mailto:cgareau02@gmail.com)

**St Paul's men's breakfast** is on May 19 at 8:30 a.m. at Mom's restaurant. All are welcome.

**Waverley United Church** will be closing in June 2018. A Service of life Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m. Guest ministers will share their memories of this congregation. Dinner is hot beef on a bun, potatoes, salads etc. Please RSVP (for dinner count) by April 30 to Doug Truax at 705-835-5553 or Doug Drinkill at 705-322-6324 or by e-mail to [dnatruax@gmail.com](mailto:dnatruax@gmail.com) or [drinkilldoug@gmail.com](mailto:drinkilldoug@gmail.com)

Your **Stewardship committee** manages the finances of the church. During the first quarter of 2018, givings from all sources were lower than our budget projections. Fortunately, our expenses were also less than budgeted and the

quarter ended with a loss of \$3,176.45. St. Paul's has a strong mission in the Midland region and it can only succeed with your financial support. This includes your support of fundraising events to help offset our Ministry and Operations costs. **Year to date results as of March 31, 2018 are as follows:**

Revenue: \$64,432 (Budget \$81,170, difference -\$16,738).

Spending: \$73,940 (Budget \$87,502, difference -\$13,561).

Net revenue/loss: -\$9,508 (Budget -\$6,331, difference -\$3,176).



CAMP AWESOME – is July 30 to August 3, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at St. Paul's. **Registrations are now being accepted.** Forms are available on our website or at the church office.